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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

MERRILL LYNCH BUSINESS  
FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.,

Plaintiff,

06 Civ.

vs.

**RULE 7.1 STATEMENT**

ARTHUR KUPPERMAN, E. ROSS  
BROWNE, PAULETTE KRELMAN  
and PGB INTERNATIONAL, LLC,

Defendants.

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1 and to enable District Judges and Magistrate Judges of the Court to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal, the undersigned counsel for Plaintiff certifies that Plaintiff is a subsidiary of Merrill Lynch Bank USA which is a subsidiary of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc., a publicly traded company.

Dated: October 5, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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